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COMMUNIST PARTY SPURS SELF-CRITICISM;
CURRENT PROPAGANDA PLAY HITS USA

POLITBURO SCORES BULGARIAN OFFICIALS -- Morgon Tidningen, No 155, 12 Jun 50

Sofia, 11 June -- The Bulgarian Politburo has directed sharp criticism at several members of the cabinet and members of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party.

The criticism, launched at the Party's national convention and now released by the Bulgarian Telegram Bureau, is directed primarily against the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where "there are still Kostovites and other spies." Moreover, a long list of persons who have confessed their "mistakes" has been published. On this list are: Yugov, the powerful former Minister of the Interior, who now heads the Ministry of Industry; Minister of Labor Terpeshev, who has been excluded from the Politburo; Secretary Dimov of the Central Committee; and Minister of Education Dramaliev. The comment was made on the latter's confession that "it could hardly be regarded as a model for self-criticism." Otherwise, the Politburo said that it had no reason to doubt that those criticized repented sincerely, but that they now must confirm their words with actions.

REVEAL SHORTCOMINGS IN PARTY ORGANIZATION -- Rabotnichesko Delo, No 102, 12 Apr 50

At the annual convention of the Bulgarian Communist Party organization of the Sofia district held from 1 to 3 April 1950, speakers revealed that some sections have been harboring as many as 144 party enemies, among them the brother and sister of Traycho Kostov. The leaders of Youth Camps were criticized for collecting too many contributions for social functions which were too frequent and often were degraded by improper entertainment.

The organization included 23,882 members in 1948 and 29,000 in 1949, representing 50 percent of the electorate. It is felt, however, that the membership of the Fatherland Front is still inadequate.

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MELODRAMA PANS AMERICANS -- Izgrev, No 1737, 19 May 50

The play "Voice of America" by V. Dikhovichniy and M. Slobodskoy, currently showing at the G. Dimitrov Theater in the Dimitrov District of Sofia, presents a picture of the depravation, vulgarity, and hopelessness of American life. The principal character, the owner of a sales agency, is a typical representative of greedy American capitalism, and his wife Mary is the immoral, frivolous American woman. The other characters of the play are also shown as cunning, mean, or ridiculous, with the exception of the progressive writer Robert Cooper and the unemployed worker Charlie Kent, who fight for freedom and human rights for the American working class. Milton, the chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee, reflects hatred for the working class and the gangsterlike methods of the American police system.

The play has strong current interest with regard to the intensification of the peace campaign throughout the world.

SCHOOL TEACHERS TO LEARN RUSSIAN -- Izgrev, No 1732, 13 May 50

The Ministry of Education has announced refresher courses in Russian to be held for school teachers. Teachers of college preparatory schools will attend the courses from 26 June to 15 August, and secondary school teachers from 5 July to 4 August.

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